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TAGS: ETRD, IT, EEC  
SUBJ: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR

REF: ROME 4801

1. PRESIDENT, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ITALIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS (ANCI), CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 31 TO CONVEY THEIR CONCERNS (AS INDICATED REFTEL) THAT USG MIGHT TAKE TRADE ACTION THAT WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT ITALIAN NON-RUBBER SHOE EXPORTS TO U.S. THEY SAID THEY FEARED 1976 LEVEL MIGHT BE USED FOR TARIFF QUOTA. IF SO ITALIAN EXPORTS WOULD BE PUSHED BELOW ALREADY LOW 1976 LEVEL BECAUSE THE IMPACT OF THE 40 PERCENT ADDITIONAL TARIFF WOULD BE SO STRONG AS TO HAMPER ITALIAN EXPORTS AS THEY APPROACHED THE TARIFF QUOTA LEVEL. THEY NOTED THAT ITALIAN SHOE EXPORTS DO NOT PRESENT A DANGER TO U.S. PRODUCERS AND, THEREFORE, ANY U.S. MEASURE SHOULD NOT BE SUCH AS TO INJURE THE ITALIAN INDUSTRY. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT THEIR PREFERENCE WAS FOR FREE TRADE AND FOR NO U.S. TRADE RESTRAINT ACTION ON SHOES OF

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ANY KIND. THEY COMPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE U.S. INDUSTRY RAISED THE THREAT OF TRADE RESTRAINT ACTION ALMOST EVERY YEAR THEREBY CREATING GREAT UNCERTAINTY AMONG ITALIAN PRODUCERS. THEY SAID THIS UNCERTAINTY IN ITSELF HAD BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE REDUCTION OF ITALIAN SHOE EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

2. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE WAS A CONVINCED BELIEVER IN LIBERAL TRADE POLICY AND FULLY SYMPATHIZED WITH MAIN POINTS OF VIEW OF THE ASSOCIATION. HE SAID HE ALREADY HAD CONVEYED THE CONCERNS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND HIS OWN STRONGLY HELD SUPPORTING VIEWS TO HIGH USG OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON THE SHOE CASE. HE SAID HE CONSIDERED THIS MATTER IN PARTICULAR AND A LIBERAL TRADING SYSTEM IN GENERAL OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. AS MUCH AS TO ITALY.

3. COMMENT. MEETING WAS VERY CORDIAL THOUGH ANCI OFFICIALS REMAINED VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT OUTCOME OF USG DELIBERATIONS.GARDNER

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